

NEWS AND VIEWS OF SPORTS

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BAKER STARTS TO PRACTICE FIELDING AT YANKEE CAMP

Macon, Ga., March 16.—J. Franklin Baker's sore finger lost much of its prestige yesterday afternoon when, without a whimper, it permitted the Home Run King to carry it with him to third base for the Trappe mauler's first regular infield practice of the year.

Bill Donovan hadn't expected to call upon Baker for this sort of work until the beginning of next week. But J. Franklin felt so chipper after seeing Paddy Bauman turn a number of fancy stunts that he voluntarily cleared himself in on the proceedings. The noted digit was not asked to undergo an especially severe test. Not more than two hard hit balls were batted toward Baker and scarcely half a dozen bunts. He grappled manfully and skillfully with the one and came in right spry on the other.

At the end of the period he declared that he was again the supreme overlord of all his parts and that so far as he is concerned his injury is pretty much a thing of the past.

The batting order with which Donovan expects to assault the rest of the American League in championship combat beginning April 12 next was publicly exposed in action for the first time.

Fritz Maisel, whose lame leg is responding nicely to the treatment of Trainer Jimmy Duggan, led off, followed in the order named by Frank Gilhooley, Lee Magee, J. Franklin Baker, Walter Pipp, Joe Gedeon, Roger Peckinpaugh, Leslie Nunamaker and infield substitutes Charles Sullivan, Paddy Bauman and Lute Boone. These players batted against a formidable string of pitchers, among them Ray Caldwell, for more than an hour, the exercises including bunting as well as trials for distance and a bit of base running.

REBEL OAKES TO MANAGE IN DENVER

Indianapolis, Ind., March 16.—J. C. McGill, owner of the Indianapolis American Association and Denver Western League baseball clubs, announced yesterday that he had signed Rebel Oakes as manager of the Denver team. Oakes was manager of the Pittsburgh Federal League team, which lost three games to the Chicago club by a narrow margin last season. Oakes was sent here by Gwinner, owner of the Pittsfielders. Oakes will work under the same contract he signed with Gwinner. The contract provided that he should manage the team for another year, and with plan of return to the club by a narrow margin last season. Oakes was sent here by Gwinner, owner of the Pittsfielders. Oakes will work under the same contract he signed with Gwinner.

Saylor, Who Defeated Leach Cross, Getting Better After Illness

Indianapolis, March 16.—After hovering between life and death for two weeks, Mike Saylor, the Indianapolis lightweight boxer, is now well on the road to recovery. Saylor was taken ill immediately following his bout with Leach Cross, and it took three physicians to put him on the road to recovery. His physicians are confident Saylor will be able to resume his work in the ring within the next few days. Saylor was can be understood when it is known that at the present time he weighs only 110 pounds. He has regained his appetite, however, and with plenty of rest will pick up rapidly. Then it is the plan of his manager, Ray Bronson, to start the Hoosier off again on his campaign to bring him up as the logical opponent for Freddie Welsh for the title.

Quick Gandil Will Help Cleveland Club

(Sporting News.) The new owners of the Cleveland American League club made an early promise to Cleveland fans that no money would be spared to strengthen the team and one of the first moves to make this promise good was the purchase of Arnold (Chick) Gandil from Washington to fill the crying need of a first baseman. The Indians were lamentably weak there last year. The position has been a hoodoo one on the team for several seasons, but Gandil should remove the jinx, for he is regarded as a most capable performer, approaching in some seasons the rank of a star. In a past year or so he has been off form, but with a change of scene should come back strong.

Another thing that offers encouragement is that he always seemed at his best playing on the Cleveland grounds. Gandil is no "chicken," if his name is "Chick." He has been playing ball for 10 years and has had a varied career, having been tried and found wanting by two other American League clubs before Griffith pulled him back from the minors. Griffith thought enough of him to pay one of the biggest bonuses for his contract ever given for a minor leaguer and he was worth every cent of it to the team. Gandil's home is in the South and he was already far advanced in training work when he joined the Indians at New Orleans. For a man of his age this is a big item and Manager Fohl is quite enthusiastic over the work he is doing in camp.

Murray New Captain of Yale Hockey Team

New Haven, March 16.—Lawrence Murray, of New York City, co-captain of the Yale hockey team for two seasons, last night was elected captain for next year. He is one of the most valuable defensive inter-collegiate players. Murray prepared for Yale at the St. Paul School and is a member of the junior class. He lives in New York city.

MORAN AND WILLARD IN HAPPY MOOD WITH BIG BOUT SHORT TIME OFF



New York, March 16.—The coming Willard-Moran ten round battle to be held in Madison Square Garden is now the all absorbing topic of conversation among the sporting public here. At the present writing Willard is ruling favorite of the odds of 2 to 1 that he will outpoint the Pittsburgher. Friends of Moran have snapped up a lot of this money at the liberal odds. A number of experts who have seen the red haired scrapper from Pittsburg at his training quarters here are of the opinion he has a splendid chance to put the champion out inside of ten rounds. Moran is in perfect condition and is ready to enter the ring right now. Trainer Willie Lewis states his only worry is to keep Moran from being overtrained. He now tips the beam at 200 pounds and expects to enter the ring at that figure. Willard is also in tip top shape and believes he will add Moran's name to his list of victories. The champion expects to enter the ring weighing around 250.

KAUFF UNABLE TO GET HIT IN FIRST BATTLE AT MARLIN FIGHT CLUBS

Marlin, Tex., March 16.—What Marlin folks called a cold wave struck here yesterday morning, the temperature falling all the way down to about 60.

Yesterday's game went only six innings. From the standpoint of the fans who viewed the proceedings the feature of the game was Benny Kauff's debut. Although this is only Benny's second day in camp and he was stiff and sore from his first workout, he volunteered to play center field for Larry Doyle's team, which was opposed to a "team" captained by Arthur Fletcher. Doyle also had top men in the field. While it was not windy McGraw assigned four outfielders to each side. Burns was Doyle's "rover" and Jacobson held Fletcher's roving commission.

Sad to relate, Benny Kauff did not get a hit and the Doylees were not helped by a score of 12 to 2. Kauff's inability to get a hit is easily explained. Opposed to his team in the first three innings was Ralph Kramer, who is about the most advanced pitcher in training here. Kramer had speed, plenty of curves and a baffling slow ball. He pitched three innings and allowed only two hits. Kauff took his full swing at the ball, but he had only two times at bat. The first time he drove a fast grounder to Babbington at second base. The next time he drove a liner to Therpe in left field. Benny was the last man at bat in the game. He was up in the sixth inning, with two out and a man on third base, but had no opportunity to hit, as the base runner was caught in a run-up which ended the game.

In the field the former Fed leaguer had more to do. Fletcher's sluggers pounded Fred Anderson and Ralph Stroud for 17 hits, many of which were fired toward center field. Kauff had to do a lot of sprinting out there on the hard ground, and he made one out. Benny was anxious to try his arm, and he did make several good pegs.

In the fourth inning Jim Thorpe was on third base when Brainerd hit a long sacrifice fly to Kauff. Benny drew back his arm for a heave to the plate, but just at that moment McGraw stepped out of a handball court and his sharp hail warned Kauff in time. Benny says he will make the pitchers dog it when his special bats arrive.

Kaiser Wilhelm has ordered the sale of several of his castles, the proceeds to be contributed to the new German war loan.

Transportation in New York state was seriously hampered by a heavy sleet and rain storm.

SENATOR PROBING LICENSES OF NEW YORK FIGHT CLUBS

New York, March 16.—State Senator John J. Dunnigan of The Bronx, whose resolution aimed at the Willard-Moran fight promoters was sidetracked a week ago, does not intend to let the matter drop. He proposes to investigate the licenses of several of the metropolitan fight clubs to see that they comply with the law. This law provides that promoters be licensed for at least a year of the buildings where fights are held. Senator Dunnigan has notified Fred A. Wenck, chairman of the State Athletic Commission, that he will call at the commission offices, 41 Park Row, at 10:30 A. M. Saturday to investigate the licenses of the Pioneer Sporting Club, the Star Casino, 107th street and Lexington avenue, and the Manhattan A. C., 155th street and Eighth avenue. The Senator has requested that the officials of these clubs meet him at the appointed hour.

Overton, Yale Runner, Nearly Breaks Record in New York Race

New York, March 16.—An unexpected and highly creditable victory was achieved by John W. Overton, Yale's intercollegiate cross-country champion, when he defeated a choice field in the Jarked three-quarter mile special race which was the feature of the annual games of Manhattan College at the armory of the Twenty-second Corps of Engineers last night. In winning by more than 15 yards from Dave S. Caldwell, the Boston A. A. runner, whose performances have been a feature in athletic circles this winter, Overton was clocked in 37.3.5, only three-fifths of a second behind the world's indoor record made by Jim Driscoll of Buffalo in 1913.

The record would have been in grave peril had Overton made a faster pace in the early stages, or even if he had been harder pressed at the finish. Sidney Leslie of the Long Island A. C., trailed Overton and Caldwell around the line and he was followed by Jim Power of Boston, former Australian mile champion; Mike Devaney of the Millrose A. A., national indoor two-mile title holder, and Homer Baker, the Brooklyn crack.

Overton is slated to oppose Caldwell in the 1,000-yard national championship of the Amateur Athletic Union on Saturday night, and in view of the form he displayed last night his chances of relieving the Boston man of the title he won last year will be very seriously regarded.

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WILLARD BATTERS SPARRING PARTNER IN HARD WORKOUT

New York, March 16.—It is very evident that Jess Willard is going to make his sparring partners earn their daily bread from now until he cuts out training. The champion turned loose on Tuesday and battered up Hemple, Rodel and Monahan, but he was even more vicious yesterday and he floored Rodel in the second round in a hot mix-up. He also had Monahan going a bit when Tom Jones called time.

"I will have to keep my eye on the big fellow from now on until the day of the fight," said Jones after the workout. "I only wish that the contest was on Saturday instead of a week from that day. Jess is surely in superb shape, and his waist line at the present time is exactly what it was when he stepped into the ring to battle with Johnson. It's a win for Jess by a knockout; of that I am certain."

Boer Rodel needed a little cash yesterday, and when Jones went on the stage to supervise the training stunts the South African tried to get 35 iron men from the Kewanee master barber.

"Nothing doing," said Tom; "but if you can knock Willard down this afternoon I will stake you. Go to it."

There is no doubt but that Rodel did "go to it," but he never got even close. He used all of his skill on Jess, but though he pierced the champion's defense several times, the blows did not appear to hurt.

"Dot's twenty-five I will never spend," said Rodel sorrowfully as he wended his way toward the dressing room.

LINDSEY DEFEATS CHICAGO BOWLER

New Haven, March 16.—Just Lindsey, the Elm City crack bowler, made a big hit at the bowling congress now being held at Yale, Conn., by beating the Chicago star, Hank Marino. Lindsey astonished the fans by his work and was loudly applauded.

It was expected that when the New Haveners arrived the Chicagoans would not be long in looking them up and they were not disappointed. Hank Marino, the great Windy City star, challenged Lindsey the first crack out of the box, and Tuesday night before one of the largest crowds that has ever gathered to watch two knights of the pins, Lindsey won four out of the seven game series and cleaned up a couple of hundred dollars. There was money played on every ball that went down the alleys and in the beginning of the match Marino was a strong favorite. Marino rolled a 245 for his second game, so the fans can see just what Lindsey was up against. Lindsey game back in fine style in his last game and rolled a 226, giving him the total pinfall honors by a 44 margin. Marino averaged 200 for the seven games, and Lindsey 206.

The scores were as follows:
Lindsey—211, 195, 180, 235, 202, 195, 226—1,444.
Marino—142, 245, 216, 202, 193, 222, 180—1,400.

Champion Shoemaker Winner At Billiards

New York, March 16.—Playing a brand of the game the masses for the champions, Howard Shoemaker, title holder, defeated Herbert B. Hawkins of Brooklyn in last night's national championship pocket billiard tournament match in the New York Athletic Club. The score was 135 to 62. Hawkins was completely outclassed. He was unable to control the ivory with any amount of success. Shoemaker, on the other hand, played with brilliant and confidence, taking many chances that seemed unnecessary. The champion was in his best form and at no time did he leave Hawkins in favorable positions.

St. Louis Fans Are Demanding Free Score Card For This Season

Phil de C. Ball is now a full-fledged major league magnate. Not only has he bought himself and associates an American League franchise, but he has attended a meeting, has made a speech, has been misquoted effectively, and finally has picked the Browns to win the flag, writes J. Ed. Way in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

As if to still further clinch his claims to magnate-ism Phil has begun the practice of dyed-in-the-wool big league stuff in the handling of his park. Whereas last year the public was tendered a score card free at Federal Park, at Sportsman's Park, this season fans will have to tear themselves loose from a jitney, if they wish to know then names and positions of the players whom they are paying to see.

Advertising for the 1916 card is being solicited with the understanding that it is to be a pay card. Of course, this is the Browns owners' privilege. And fans will pay and probably never murmur loudly.

But considering the fact that the scoreboard is one of the "number," or hieroglyphic kind, absolutely a mystery without the key which is supplied in the scorecard, the condition works a handicap on fans. It was hoped that the new owners of the Browns would abandon the secretive stuff and put in a scoreboard that would not only tell the names of the players, instead of their numbers, but would show the official ruling on every play.

Baseball is about the only professional amusement soiling the public favor which is not willing to inform spectators of the necessary details of the entertainment supplied. Considering that the game has just emerged from a hard and long war and that finances are depleted, perhaps the local situation can be condoned. But surely the game can not long ignore such trifling details to public convenience as the one referred to.

AROUND THE SPORT LOOP

PATERSON WINS TITLE

The Paterson team of the Interstate league, which contains four Blue Ribbon players, has clinched its title to the pennant. The league season ended last Saturday. There will be a series between Paterson, winner of the latter half, and Kingston, winner in the first half of the pennant race. The series will be for the best three out of five games and will start next Saturday night in the Paterson armory. The following players have been declared eligible for the series: Paterson—Clinton, Powers, Leonard, Swenson, Harvey, Boyle, Snyder and Beckman, while Kingston will have Johnson, Barger, Tome, Henschel, Bruggy, Ed Wachter, Morgenweck and Clarke. As soon as this series is finished the winner will play the winner of the Eastern league pennant for the championship of the East.

The folly of trying to train a big league club any longer in the winter south was shown yesterday when Pittsburgh had to quit Dayton Springs, Ky., because of too much snow.

Bob Frysoek, who played with Pittsfield in 1914, has signed with Lynn for this season.

Benny Kauff has a good alibi for not getting a hit in his first game at Marlin yesterday. He can say the shipment of two dozen bats he ordered did not arrive. Although you might think the Giants would be sore at Kauff because of his many home runs, writers at the camp say the players are all hoping Benny will make good.

GEORGE CHIP HAD HARD LUCK IN HIS LAST FEW FIGHTS

Former Middleweight Champion George Chip has been the victim of much bad luck during his comparatively brief career in the ring. He lost the title to Al McCoy in Brooklyn on a lucky punch and in spite of the fact that experts still declare Chip is a much better man than McCoy.

Then in a recent bout in Brooklyn Chip was outpointing Young Ahearn, the English wonder. But when everything looked favorable for a victory Chip accidentally struck a foul blow. Although the foul was technical and did not injure Ahearn in the slightest the referee felt compelled to declare the bout a draw. Chip is one of the hardest hitters in the ring and when he meets Johnny Howard of Bayonne, N. J., in the star bout at the Casino March 23, local fans will have a chance to look him over.

Matchmaker Hollis of the Black Rock A. C., under whose auspices the fight was held, is rapidly completing arrangements for the fight. It is expected that the ten round affair between Al Ketchel of this city and Battling Kunz of South Norwalk will be a slam bang bout the fans rave about.

St. Joseph's Beaten By Fast Ozanam Five

The St. Joseph's basketball players were defeated last night by the Ozanam five by 16 to 8 in a good game. Hanbury starred for the Saints while Curran and Bantz were in fine form for the Ozanams. The Ozanam lineup: Curran and Bantz, I. F. Murphy, J. Baskell, T. G. Ward and Bradley, I. G.

Daubert Gets Four Hits In Game For Brooklyn Nationals

Daytona, Fla., March 16.—Three hits off the veteran Coombs and two errors in the fourth inning enabled the regulars to beat the colts by a score of 8 to 2 at Ebbets Field yesterday afternoon. Capt. Jake Daubert started on a batting spree his first time out. The captain of the Dodgers out of five trips to the plate hammered out four hits, one of which was a double, and received a base on balls. He likewise starred in fielding, taking a line drive. Cutshaw contributed a pair of fine running catches near the foul line in right field.

ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

Peter Maher, Irish heavyweight, born in Galway, Ireland. In his youth Peter worked in a Dublin brewery and later was a barkeeper. He early took up boxing "just for fun" and became the amateur middleweight champion of Ireland and also amateur heavyweight champion of England. About the time Billy Madden came to a scuttling expedition to Ireland in the hope of finding a heavyweight to take the measure of John L. Sullivan, Maher looked pretty good to Madden, and he brought him back to America with him. In his early bouts Maher looked as much of a find as Jim Coffey later appeared, but in both cases the Irish were doomed to disappointment. Bob Fitzsimmons took big Peter's measure with neatness and despatch, and put an end to the Hibernian's championship dreams. Peter continued in the game, however, and when he fought his last big battle in 1909, being knocked out in the first round by Jack Fitzgerald in Philadelphia, he was a ring veteran of 20 years' standing—and falling. Although so often defeated, Peter had a kick in his paw that his opponents remember yet—and they don't take much pleasure in the recollection.

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YALE HOPING TO HAVE FINE SEASON WITH STRONG CREW

New Haven, March 16.—Yale's outdoor rowing season has started a fortnight later than usual, but with two varsity eights of experience and promise boated by Coach Guy Nickalls.

Opening the season of 1914 as Yale's varsity eight were the following oarsmen: Strooks, Harriman; No. 7, Low, captain; No. 6, Meyer; No. 5, Sturdevant; No. 4, Sheldon; No. 3, Kostzky; No. 2, Gillilan; bow, Hume; coxswain, McLane.

Nickalls, whose wizardry has brought Yale two straight victories over Harvard and wins over Cornell, Princeton and Pennsylvania all in one season, has made up his premier eight for the opening of practice with wholesome changes. Perhaps the most unlooked for was the trial of Edward Roland Harriman at stroke. Young Harriman was varsity substitute two seasons ago but lost a year from the squad because of a hunting accident. He rowed how in the Yale varsity that last fall raced Columbia, losing when Coombe, No. 7, fainted. He was stroke at the Groton School and will be retained for the present in that position on the Yale varsity.

The experiment of using Captain Seth Low at stroke will not be continued at present. He will be used at No. 7. He had always been a starboard oar and he was tried at stroke last fall. In the varsity shell last year he was seated at No. 3. The veteran Cort Meyer, one of the best oarsmen of recent years at Yale, is again at No. 6. He was a stroke during his preparatory school career and it is still a possibility that he will be ordered to set the pace for the eight. The presence of ex-Captain Sturdevant in the shell at No. 5 is a pleasure to the veteran coach for Sturdevant is as finished as well as a strong oar.

With Jim Sheldon again at No. 4 Nickalls has been able to retain four oarsmen in the waist of the shell who were together for the past two seasons. This combination is a trump card for the Yale eight, which will meet Harvard in June.

Pat Donovan, 51 Today, Preparing For Hard Race

Patrick J. Donovan, who led the Buffalo International League club to victory last year, will celebrate his fifty-first birthday today as he was born on March 16, 1865, in Mass. That was a bit of hard luck for Patsy, for if the stock had postponed his visit for a day Donovan could make a double celebration of his birthday. Donovan also came near to being a St. Pat's child, for he was born on the day after the great Hibernian festival.

Although he has been a baseball player since 1885, Donovan has been in the business, Donovan won his first flag last year. With the rehabilitation of the Barrow circuit following the end of the baseball war, Patsy does not expect any snap in attempting to connect with another bit of bursting this season, and he has been working hard to get his Elisons lined up for the fiercest struggle.

Patsy has been prominent in the baseball world for thirty years, making his debut in 1886 with the Lawrence club of the New England league. During his big league career he was with Boston, Brooklyn, Washington, Louisville and Pittsburg. He was at his best when with the Pirates, with whom he played in the latter part of his career.

Donovan's managerial career commenced in 1901, when he was appointed the leader of Robinson's St. Louis Nationals. He had previously played a brief season as a player for the Pittsburg club, but had not achieved any shining success. Patsy remained at the St. Louis helm for three seasons, finishing fifth in 1904 and in the same notes in 1907. The next year the Brooklyn Dodgers dropped to seventh place, and Patsy decided to try a new pilot. Many years passed, however, before the Dodgers escaped from the second division.

After this experience Donovan became a scout for the Boston Red Sox, and his ability to pick winners was a great asset for the Bostonians. Last year the Blon owners induced Donovan to assume the management of the Buffalo Internationals, and he won the pennant in a whirlwind finish. As a big league leader Donovan always had the ill-fortune to be connected with clubs which were national tail-enders and he demonstrated in Buffalo last year what he could do with a real ball club. On paper the Blons did not loom as formidable as the Providence aggregation, but Patsy took the measure of the Blons in the closest race the Barrow circuit has had in many years. The success of the Donovans was another nail in the coffin of the Federal League.

For if Donovan and his men had failed to deliver the goods the Buffalo Internationals might have shared the fate of Newark and Baltimore.

Two men were injured when a Lehigh Valley locomotive blew up at Gratwick, N. Y.

An Athens dispatch reports that Ismail Haki has been appointed Turkish War Minister.

Four surgeons from the American army service list will be permitted to inspect the British army medical corps at the front.